

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 708
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BILL SUMMARY: Crimes Involving Hidden Recordings

This bill would provide that a criminal complaint may be filed within one year of the date on which a hidden recording is discovered related to the provisions prohibiting the use of concealed camcorders, as specified.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Judicial Branch indicates that this bill has the potential to add to the courts' caseload, which increases backlogs, and could create a pressure on the General Fund to handle the increased caseload. However, we would note that the courts do not typically receive funding on a caseload basis, therefore, unless this particular caseload becomes significant and can be documented, it is likely to be absorbed.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill.

Existing law set forth various statutes of limitations for various crimes. Existing law also makes it a misdemeanor to use a concealed camcorder, motion picture camera, or photographic camera of any type, to secretly videotape another, as specified. This bill would provide that a criminal complaint may be filed within one year of the date on which a hidden recording is discovered related to the provisions prohibiting the use of concealed camcorders, motion pictures cameras, or photographic cameras of any type, to secretly videotape another, as specified.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
0250/Jud Branch	SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						0001

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